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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SECRETARY

February 20, 2018

Mr. Cosmo Servidio  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
1650 Arch Street (Mail Code: 3RA00)  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Servidio:

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 50.14(b), enclosed please find the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's exceptional event analysis with respect to the May 2016 Fort McMurray wildfires. The exceptional event analysis, which outlined the impact the May 2016 Fort McMurray wildfires had on ozone concentrations across Pennsylvania from May 24 to May 26, 2016, was developed in accordance with the guidance set forth in the EPA memorandum issued by Stephen Page, OAQPS Director, on September 16, 2016, pertaining to the "Guidance on the Preparation of Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Wildfire Events that May Influence Ozone Concentrations."

Prior to finalizing the Commonwealth's exceptional event analysis, notice announcing an opportunity for public comment was published by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on December 2, 2017. A 30-day public comment period was held from December 2, 2017 to January 2, 2018. A summary of comments received and DEP's responses are included with the exceptional event analysis.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our exceptional event analysis with respect to the May 2016 Fort McMurray fires. Should you have any questions or need additional information during your review of the exceptional event analysis, please contact Krishnan Ramamurthy, Director, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at [kramamurth@pa.gov](mailto:kramamurth@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717.787.9702.

Sincerely,

Patrick McDonnell  
Secretary